New adoption policy

2911. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a new adoption policy where registration of all adoptable children in the country would be done, on the lines of birth and death registration;

(b) whether the new adoption policy would be a revised set of guidelines for in-country and inter-country adoptions;

(c) whether registration of all adoptable children in India would be made mandatory, just as birth and death registration, have been made compulsory, to establish how many male and female children are there for adoption; and

(d) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) The existing guidelines for In-country aud Inter-country adoption have been reviewed for appropriate consideration. As per the draft guidelines, a procedure is to be followed for registration of all orphaned, abandoned and surrendered children and adoptions of such children will be done only if duly registered. As the revised guidelines have to be processed as per laid down procedure, specific time frame cannot be indicated.

Anganwadi workers

2912. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi workers of different categories engaged in different States and Union Territories;

(b) the amount of salary/wages in each category;

(c) the nature of duties they have to perform; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to regularize their services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The details of Anganwadi Workers sanctioned and in position as on 31.3.2007, State-wise, are given in the Statement-I (*See* below). The honorarium being paid to Anganwadi Workers out of grant-in-aid released by the Government of India ranges from Rs.938/- to Rs.1063/- per month, depending upon their qualification and experience.

(c) The details of the Role and Responsibilities of Anganwadi Workers are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) The ICDS Scheme envisages Anganwadi Worker to be an honorary worker, who is paid honorarium as decided by Government of India from time to time. As such, there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to regularize their services.